

**CHAPTER NO. 404****HOUSE BILL NO. 1665****By Representatives Henri Brooks, Cooper****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1860****By Senator Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to certain schools placed on notice or probation status.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is, and may be cited as, the "Inner City Educational Enhancement Pilot Project Act of 2003".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the two (2) school systems, having the greatest number of schools placed on notice or probation status pursuant to this section, may establish an inner city educational enhancement pilot project in accordance with the requirements of this subsection; provided, however, no such pilot project shall be established by the local education agency without advance approval by the appropriate local legislative body.

(2) Any such inner city educational enhancement pilot project shall consist of after-school programs at all or a significant portion of the LEA's schools placed on notice or probation status. The pilot project may also include before-school, Saturday, or summer programs at such schools. Pilot project programs and services shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (A) Reading skills development and enhancement;
- (B) Math and science skills development and enhancement;
- (C) Computer literacy and skills development;
- (D) Tutoring and homework supervision and assistance;
- (E) Individualized assessment and remedial instruction;
- (F) Academic mentoring; and
- (G) Life experiences enrichment opportunities.

(3) Programs and services shall be principally provided by qualified volunteers who are retired teachers, university professors, law enforcement officers, armed forces veterans, members of the Urban League, or public employees. At the discretion of the appropriate local legislative body, incentive grants may be offered to such volunteers. The amount of any such incentive grants shall vary according to the number of hours actually donated; provided, however, in any given year, no volunteer shall receive incentive grants totaling more than an amount that equals one half of the local real property tax previously paid by the volunteer on such person's principal place of residence for the most recently concluded tax year. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, receipt of any such incentive grant shall not affect, reduce, suspend, or in any other way impair the volunteer's status or benefits level within any retirement program operated by or on behalf of the state or any unit of local government within the state.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 28, 2003**



**JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

**APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2003**



**PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR**